

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Peninsula Trail Accessibility Rehabilitation

LOCATION: Morro Bay State Park, Lower State Park Rd. & Parkview Dr.

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project will provide access compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at the Morro Bay estuary. Work includes:

- Conversion of approximately 900 linear feet (l.f.) of an existing unpaved roadway, currently in use as a trail, located on the north side of the State Park Marina peninsula.
- Construction of approximately 1,100 l.f. of elevated (4"-6") natural surfaced trail.
- The improved trail will connect to an elevated boardwalk (approximately 1,000 l.f.) to be constructed on the south side of the peninsula.
- Elimination of a "volunteer" (unauthorized) trail system approximately 700 l.f. and return of volunteer trails to a natural condition using native plants.

The entire project is on upland fill/dredge tailings. Any populations of *Sueda californica* will be avoided. Project areas will be surveyed prior to construction and monitored during construction to avoid impacts to the Morro shoulderband snail, in compliance with terms of an existing permit. DPR-accepted Best Management Practices for control of erosion and runoff of sediments will be used. Improved peninsula access will protect sensitive plant and animal species associated with the site and improve visitor services.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Accessibility Section, Acquisition and Development Division

EXEMPT STATUS: ☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 4 Section: 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the minor alteration of existing structures and features involving negligible expansion beyond current use and is included as "modification of existing facilities for handicap access" and "trail or road repairs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4; and minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as "trail construction or realignment" and "trail removal" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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